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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Venice to challenge assessment law

Amid complaints that it wasn't doing anything to fight the recent dramatic reassessment of the AmerenUE power plant, the Venice City Council approved challenging the constitutionality of the state law allowing that reassessment.

The city will also present recently released tax figures to legislators in an attempt to have the law changed.

About 45 people attended the meeting, held in the Venice Senior Citizens Center to accommodate the crowd.

The assessed valuation of AmerenUE's Venice generating plant was recently reassessed to \$1 million from \$6 million. That reassessment, along with a negative multiplier, is the major reason Venice residents will see about a 14 percent increase in their tax bill this year.

### Park legislation approved

Legislation that would allow voters in the Metro East area to approve a sales-tax hike to fund parks and trails was approved by the Illinois Legislature last week.

The bill would allow the creation of the Metro-East Park and Recreation District, which would be responsible for planning and development of an extensive network of linear parks and trails in the area.

The legislation authorizes a referendum that requires voter approval of a 1/10-cent sales tax to fund the district. Funds would be used to develop and maintain a network of interconnected parks in the Metro East and improve existing local park and recreation facilities.

Similar legislation has been approved by the Missouri General Assembly. If approved by voters, a separate district would be created in Missouri.

### Simpson, Gamblin GCHS valedictorians

Cory Simpson and Leah Gamblin are Granite City High School's co-valedictorians for the 1998-1999 school year.

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

Unions representing teachers and support staff in the Venice School District have called for the suspension of Superintendent James Doughty.

At a press conference/protest in front of the school Thursday before the School Board meeting, representatives of Venice Federation of Teachers Local 965 and Service

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## Venice unions call for suspension

### Superintendent accused of attempted 'union busting'

Employees International Local 98 called for the board to suspend Doughty pending an investigation into complaints.

They cited allegations that he forced elementary Principal Rachelle Artis, who is leaving the district, to evaluate three teachers falsely, and that Doughty is attempting to "bust" the local unions.

Neither Doughty nor Artis could be

reached for comment.

A representative of the Illinois Federation of Teachers also said the Board has issued a complaint against the district. Mike Meyers, an investigator with the IELRB, confirmed that the agency would be issuing a complaint.

Meyers said Friday that the complaint had not been filed because it must include a date for a hearing at

the IELRB office in Springfield, and a hearing date had not been agreed upon by all parties.

In a memo to Doughty and school board members dated May 26 and released to the media Thursday, Artis stated she had submitted new evaluations for three teachers at the elementary schools. One of those teachers,

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## State OKs budget

### Approval comes with little debate

By Steve Whitworth  
 Staff writer

State lawmakers from the area expressed satisfaction Thursday night as they headed home from the 1999 session of the Illinois Legislature.

The General Assembly gave overwhelming approval to a \$42.8 billion state budget Thursday, even as most lawmakers were still seeing the first details of the deal struck by Gov. George Ryan and legislative leaders.

Approval came with virtually no debate in a series of lopsided votes - several bills passed without a single opposing vote - as the Republican governor watched.

Lawmakers then adjourned their spring session, which originally was scheduled to end last Friday. The budget

package, including the \$12 billion Illinois FIRST construction initiative, awaits Ryan's signature.

"It's been a busy session, and it's probably going to end up being a historic session," state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto said. "This governor did a heck of a job moving his agenda through the Legislature. There are people who have been up here a lot longer than I have who have never seen it. He's like this."

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, said this year's legislative session was "totally different" than any other she has experienced.

"I think it's been a hard job," Bowles said. "We've worked very hard. A lot of good things have happened and come out of this session. I'm pleased to have been a part of it."

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-

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## Motorola pep rally



Tim Stephenson photo

One of the cars on display at Keiner Plaza in downtown St. Louis Wednesday afternoon. The 3rd annual CART Motorola 300 ran Saturday afternoon at Gateway International Raceway.

## DARE helps kids

### Police program not just about drugs

By Michael Heil  
 Staff writer

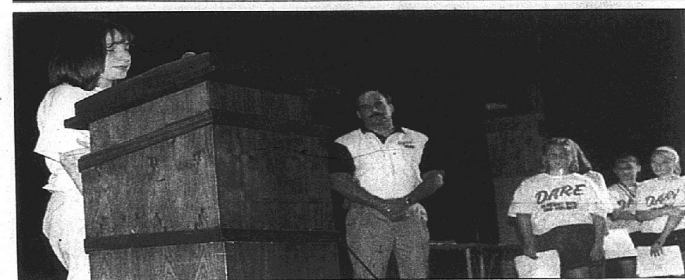
If there is one thing that helps students in the Granite City School District understand the dangers of using drugs, it is the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program offered by the police department.

"Most children think I'm only going to talk about the effects of drugs," said DARE Officer Jeff Grote. "They have

no idea that there will be discussions based on how they can resist the negative influences in their lives by demonstrating strong character and commitment to themselves."

Students from Lake, Marshall, Mitchell, Niedringhaus and Wilson elementary schools graduated from the DARE program Wednesday morning at Granite City High School. In all, 375 students received certificates for the 17-week course taught by Grote that

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Tim Stephenson photo

Alycia Dioneda from Niedringhaus School speaks at the DARE graduation Wednesday morning at Granite City Senior High School.

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Dan Barger photo  
The Lou Fusz Automotive Network driver wheels through the championship race in the 10th annual Mini Grand Prix Saturday at Creve Coeur Days. Lou Fusz was overall winner in the competition, which benefits the Arthritis Foundation of St. Louis.

## Annual Mini Grand Prix raises \$150,000 for arthritis research

Suburban Journals one of 33 teams involved in race

By Ron Wisdom  
Staff writer

More than \$150,000 will be used for arthritis research and local quality of life programs, thanks to the efforts of those involved in the 10th annual Mini Grand Prix.

The Suburban Journals, a long-time sponsor of the annual event, again participated in the two-day event held May 21 and 22. This year's competition was held on the festival grounds of Creve Coeur Days. More than 15,000 people attended Creve Coeur Days and the Mini Grand Prix races on the Monsanto/Solutia campus.

"This has been one of our better years in about the past six years," said Cindi Gormley, director of development and marketing for the Arthritis Foundation of St. Louis.

Thirty-three teams

participated in the annual fund-raiser this year; 23 raced in last year's event.

During the Prix Party festivities Friday night, the Arthritis Foundation dedicated the Tire Changing Competition to the late Allen Barklage, emcee of the Prix Party for several years. On Saturday morning, before the start of the races, Mini Grand Prix participants paused for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Barklage, a traffic reporter for KSDK Channel 5 and captain of Team 5's go-kart drivers for many years.

A team of Suburban Journal employees again competed in the event this year. Team members included Gina Thornburg Kutsch, Justin Lopini, Kim Wright, Brian Bretsch and Ron Wisdom. Editorial Director Dan Barger served as team captain once again and drove in the

Celebrity Race.

Lou Fusz Automotive was the overall winner of the competition Saturday. McCarthy Construction finished second and MasterCard International, last year's first-place winner, came in third this year.

## Chain of Rocks Bridge dedication set Tuesday

Span once linked region on old Route 66

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Officials from both sides of the Mississippi River will gather at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge Tuesday for an official dedication of the bridge as the longest pedestrian/bicycle bridge in the world.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 10 a.m. in the center of the bridge, which was part of Route 66 and was closed in 1968 after the completion of the Interstate 270 Chain of Rocks Bridge.

The structure is owned by the city of Madison, which leased the bridge to Trailnet Inc., a nonprofit land trust agency. Trailnet is renovating the bridge as a bicycle/pedestrian trail. Its opening signals the end of the first phase of the project.

The bridge eventually will be the centerpiece of the Confluence Greenway, a series of interconnected trails on both sides of the river from Alton to St. Louis, with connections to the Vandalia Trail along the Great River Road, the Katy Trail in Missouri, and other trails in Madison and

The old Chain of Rocks Bridge in Madison was part of the old legendary Route 66, known as "America's Highway." It was closed in 1968 when the Interstate 270 Chain of Rocks Bridge opened to traffic.

St. Clair counties. The bridge will open to the public Saturday, and initially will be open only on weekends.

At Tuesday's ceremony, U.S. Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., and U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, will be recognized for their efforts in obtaining federal funds for area trail projects. Bond was able to obtain \$2 million in federal funds for the second phase of the bridge restoration project. Costello obtained about \$1 million for the Confluence Bikeway, a trail being engineered by the Madison County Transit District along the U.S. Corps of Engineers levee from Alton to Granite City, and \$5.5 million for MetroBikeLink, a

trail running parallel to the St. Clair County MetroLink extension.

Other officials expected to participate in the ceremony include Madison Mayor John Hamm; Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa; St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon; former U.S. Sen. Jack Danforth, chairman of St. Louis 2004; and officials from Trailnet Inc. and the Confluence Greenway project.

The cost of the renovation is expected to be about \$4 million. About half was for the first phase of the renovation, which included structural repair and the installation of safety features such as fencing.

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# One-quarter of Venice students may be illegal

Some 100 students could be out-of-district

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

While it apparently has avoided a major financial shortfall from the recent AmerenUE reassessment, the Venice School District could face an even bigger hit:

**VENICE** At most one-quarter of its students may be attending illegally.

At Thursday's school board meeting, James Doughty told the board that the unofficial results of a recent audit by the Illinois State Board of Education shows that there may be more than 100 students attending classes in Venice who live outside the district.

Doughty and board member James Harrell were briefed about the audit findings by an ISBE official, but the numbers are unofficial because the audit has not been released.

A spokesman for the ISBE said while the audit has been completed, it is not expected to be officially released until around June 21.

While students illegally crossing over into another district is common, the

numbers involved in the Venice district are alarming.

Doughty called it a "long-standing historical problem," especially between the Madison and Venice school districts.

However, this year the situation became a little more heated when it was discovered that the Venice district actually was running a bus into the Madison district. That was stopped in December after the Madison County Regional Superintendent of School's office was called in.

Madison Superintendent Gary Allison said he became aware of the situation after residents complained about the behavior of some of the students waiting for the school bus. The Madison district does not run a bus in that area.

Harland Scheibal, assistant Madison County regional superintendent of schools, said after his office became involved, he went out and observed the bus picking up children.

Scheibal added that if the number of illegal students allegedly reported in Venice is correct, it would have a "great effect" on the district.

Scheibal said total enrollment for the Venice School District is 427, and

the district received \$4,250 in direct state aid for each student during the 1998-1999 school year.

If those students return to their own districts, that would result in the loss of more than \$400,000 in state aid, more than 10 percent of the district's \$3 million budget.

Most of the recent financial attention has been on the reassessment of the AmerenUE power plant to about \$1 million from \$6 million in assessed value.

The reassessment, approved because of a state law allowing utilities to be assessed differently from other properties, will mean a loss of about \$265,000 in tax revenue this year.

However, Doughty went to Springfield last week and met with legislators and ISBE officials. He was promised that a special appropriation would take care of the district's loss this year, and state financial aid will make up the difference in coming years.

As with most issues in Venice, there was sharp disagreement over the alleged illegal student attendance by board members.

# Venice's top graduates ready to move on with lives

Griggs, Wiley have big plans for the future

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

For both the valedictorian and salutatorian at Venice High School, it is time to move on.

**VENICE** Valedictorian Chermeyne Griggs,

the daughter of Jacqueline and Douglas Griggs, will graduate with a 3.8 grade point average. She plans to attend Belleville Area College before going on to a four-year university.

Salutatorian Ericka Wiley, the daughter of Janet and Lionel Wiley, will end high school with a 3.5 grade point average. She will attend a four-year university in Arkansas.

Venice High School commencement exercises will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school gym.

Chermeyne said she was "excited" about graduating.

"I've been here since preschool, and I'm ready to go," she said. "I'm ready to graduate. I'm excited about the whole thing."

During high school, she was active in the school's ALPHA and TREND programs and was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council and senior class president.

"Education is the most



Scott Cousins photo of Venice High School's valedictorian, Chermeyne Griggs, and salutatorian, Ericka Wiley, stand in front of the VHS building recently. The two are the top students in VHS' Class of 1999, which graduates at 7 p.m. Friday at the VHS gym.

important thing to get you through life," she said.

She plans to continue her education at BAC, where she intends to work toward an associate's degree in psychology. She then plans to attend the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

Ericka spent her senior year in a work-study program at Ralston Purina Co. She went to class for three hours each day, then worked in the company's community affairs department. She will be attending the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

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## Disabled vets are overlooked

Bill would create national memorial in Washington

By Arthur H. Wilson

Tiny flags on millions of American graves will stir gently in the breeze this Memorial Day as our nation gives thanks to the ultimate sacrifices of its citizen soldiers. They fought and died to keep our nation free.

Millions of disabled American veterans, who also greatly sacrificed, will be at cemeteries across America to ensure their fallen brothers and sisters are remembered with honor. But it is deeply saddening and disturbing that these men and women disabled by war are not remembered. They are part of lost generations who fought in wars and were wounded severely, but go largely unnoticed except when they turn out to salute their fallen comrades on Memorial Day.

To correct that oversight, legislation is pending in the U.S. Congress to create a national memorial in Washington, D.C., to uniquely honor disabled veterans who served and sacrificed for their country. I am very proud to be a part of the effort to create a special memorial to honor the nearly 2.3 million disabled veterans living today. This memorial, to be funded by private contributions, will be the first national monument dedicated to disabled veterans who are still living.

To accomplish this noble goal, the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation was created as a nonprofit corporation. It is led by Chairwoman Lois B. Pope, a philanthropist, and myself as president and chief executive officer of the million-member organization, the Disabled American Veterans. Jesse Brown, former secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, serves as executive director.

This memorial will be symbolic of the soul and spirit of America. It proudly will recognize the hardships and sacrifices demanded from, and faithfully accepted by, the millions of men and women who bear the scars of war. It will inspire future generations of Americans to recognize the power and virtue of sacrifice, and to remember those who have defended our land in war.

Above all, the memorial will stand as a symbol of the cost of freedom, a reminder that sacrifices of disabled veterans are appreciated, and that America salutes its defenders.

Throughout our history, disabled veterans have paid the price for American freedom and have borne the deepest wounds and scars of war. They are truly our unsung heroes. Therefore, America has a solemn obligation to assure that these men and women have served and sacrificed for this country and the cause of freedom will never be forgotten. The price of freedom continues to be paid long after the guns fall silent: lost limbs, disability, blindness, paralysis and other unique, extensive and debilitating injuries.

Disabled veterans' lives were traumatized by their military experiences. Many will never know the wonder of a morning run because they have no legs or they are paralyzed and useless. Others never can hold their children or grandchildren in their arms because they have no arms. Many will never enjoy the beauty of a sunset or a spring day, because they live in eternal darkness.

The price of freedom has a long history. Today, there are two widows and 15 children of Civil War veterans who receive compensation for the veterans' service-connected deaths. There are 13 American veterans still living today who were disabled in the Mexican Border War against Pancho Villa.

There are 77 disabled veterans and many of them have died from the gas attacks and bombings of World War I. Nearly 788,000 veterans who were disabled during World War II continue their service to America today as part of what Tom Brokaw has called "America's greatest generation."

Nearly 275,000 Americans disabled during the Korean War are preparing to memorialize the 50th anniversary of that conflict. Contributing to making our nation great are 815,000 disabled veterans who served during the Vietnam era. And 231,000 veterans disabled during the Persian Gulf War will be part of the American landscape far into the 21st century.

The nearly 2.3 million disabled veterans in America today continue to make significant contributions to our nation's spirit and vitality. And sadly, that number will continue to grow, because the world is still in danger.

On this Memorial Day, we will give thanks to the approximately 1,000 veterans who die each day. Most of them are World War II veterans and many of them have died from the complications of wounds suffered during combat. They go with the thanks of a grateful nation.

Let us as a people also give thanks to disabled veterans who continue to serve, to contribute and to do all they can to make this nation secure and free. They are truly our heroes, honored by the nation they served so faithfully.

Arthur H. Wilson is a disabled Vietnam War veteran, and CEO and national adjunct of the Disabled American Veterans.

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## School safety discussion turns eerie

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As the group talked, words like "hard" and "soft" targets were bandied about, and the need for better intelligence was cited.

With the current air war going on in the Balkans, it would be easy to imagine that it was a group of politicians or military strategists trying to get us out of that mess. If it was it would be understandable. But it wasn't.

Instead, it was a school district superintendent talking to the Rotary during a prayer breakfast.

And I couldn't help thinking "God help us, it's come to this."

Dr. Steve Balen, superintendent in the Granite City School District, was talking about safety in response to the school shootings in Colorado — this was before the most recent shootings in Georgia.

He said there needs to be a change in perception that schools are "soft" targets — hard and soft in this case is a military term referring to how easy it is to either destroy or penetrate something, the harder the target, the harder to hurt it. But to make a school completely safe, if such a thing is possible, would turn it into a prison where nobody would be able to learn anything but fear and paranoia.

He also talked about the need for better internal intelligence — basically, students and teachers telling admini-



Scott Cousins

strators when someone is about to go over the edge, and administrators having the sense to listen and act.

He also talked about the media's role in the desensitizing of children to violence, the availability of weapons and instructions in their manufacture and use, materialism and a lack of moral instruction.

Because of the shootings, school safety has become a hot topic, with most of the big names coming down easily on their respective sides and willing to fight to the death to protect their own individual sacred cows.

The left wing blames guns, happily forgetting that we are already overloaded with laws that are not enforced, and the police claim that it is impossible to have an intelligent debate on what controls are needed. Instead, they dust off their same old ideas and try to ram 'em down our throats.

On the right, they blame the lack of prayer in the classroom, trench coats or some other weird clothing, and

who knows what on the internet and media.

Never mind that every generation's parents think the music their kids listen to will send them to hell in a hand basket, and most kids look weird to their parents.

They forget that the only God in most classrooms is what the students bring in themselves, and formal prayer in school rarely accomplished anything, except allowing principals to use fear of God as another punishment.

They also seem to forget that bomb-making has always been fascinating to teenage boys — remember Abbie Hoffman's "Steal This Book" and the pipe-bomb and napalm recipes inside — but only recently did they decide to start using them with such vigor against fellow students. Does it sound like I think none of them are right?

No. I think all of them are right, but most people seem to have fallen into the trap of thinking that the problem exists in a vacuum, and that dealing with their pet issues will solve the whole problem.

We do have an entertainment industry that displays and encourages violence without meaning or context. We have advanced our ability to make weapons — both individually and as a people — far beyond our ability to use them wisely. We have a news industry — both television and print — that takes the worst aspects of our lives and rubs our noses in it to the point you cannot help but become jaded and cynical. We have access to

unlimited information, but don't have the will-power, sense, or decency to use it well. Our school system has abdicated teaching moral values in favor of self-esteem and diversity — admirable qualities, but useless or even destructive without a moral context.

Is there a solution? Yes, if all sides would decide to fully consider the issue and bring all their sacred cows to the table, something could be done. It would take time and be painful, but it could happen. But it won't happen.

Americans have always worshipped individual liberties, but the "rugged individualists" of the pioneer days have transformed into selfish, petty people more interested in their own rice bowl or personal agenda than the common good. So instead of real change, we'll get a few legislative Band-Aids slapped on, and people will feel good about it until the next tragedy happens.

Then, when we've become so frightened that we can't see straight, we'll do something really stupid, overreact and probably shred the Constitution in the process.

My fear is that we are seeing a major change in American society, and the first baby steps to real fascism in this country.

But how do we really solve the problem? You'd have to ask Solomon, because I don't know. In one sense, it was appropriate for Balen to be addressing a prayer group.

God only knows what to do about it.

## We must teach young to respect values

By Butch Miller

Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our nation. The men and women we remember on Memorial Day demonstrated the highest form of faith in the triumph of good over evil. Just as they had a mission, we too, have a mission: to teach the young people of today to respect America's values.

History teaches us that our faith in freedom — readily backed up by our resolve to defend it — has made America and the world a better place. Today, 179 of the world's 193 sovereign states elect their lawmakers. That means the earth is covered by democracy in greater proportion than water; it's covered by 93 percent democracy.

Clearly, those who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom did so for a victorious cause.

History teaches us that the world will never run out of freedom. Hitler is no more. We won the Cold War. But our world must contend with Milosevic in Kosovo and Hussein in Iraq. China has an upside and downside: a growing appreciation for the free market but a disturbing aspiration for nuclear and strategic supremacy. Clearly, future generations may be called upon again to sacrifice for freedom.

If we teach young people correctly, they willingly will serve in the U.S. armed forces, the defense of freedom will

Each of us must instill in young people the importance of Memorial Day. We also should ask God — in our daily prayers — to continue to bless America. If we do these things, America's faith in freedom, justice and democracy will remain intact.

continue and democracy will flourish worldwide.

I often tell others about Danny Flynn, a young Marine. His story helps me reaffirm a young person's faith in the perseverance of a free people.

Pfc. Flynn drove a personnel carrier during the Vietnam War. He had been in Vietnam for 18 days when he volunteered to take a sick buddy's tour of duty. On that fateful night, May 25, 1968, a Cambodian rocket killed Flynn. He was 20 years old.

Flynn was a native of Kings Park, N.Y. He was buried there with full military honors at Pinelawn Cemetery. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. A Kings Park baseball field was named in his honor. But the most important tribute to Flynn is carried out by a local middle school. They keep hope alive by teaching

young people how important Memorial Day is.

Every year, fifth- and sixth-graders write letters to Flynn's mother. Through the battlefield death of Danny Flynn new generations are learning about patriotic values. Their notes to Flynn's mother are short but poignant. "When I say the Pledge of Allegiance, I will remember Danny Flynn," writes one student. "Bringing books to the Kings Park Library will help me focus on the sacrifice Danny Flynn made for me," reflects another.

The children of that middle school wouldn't understand Memorial Day if someone hadn't taught them that freedom isn't free. They continue to learn that America's fallen heroes expressed their faith in democracy by committing the most selfless act of all.

Each of us must instill in young people the importance of Memorial Day. We also should ask God — in our daily prayers — to continue to bless America. If we do these things, America's faith in freedom, justice and democracy will remain intact. So, too, will the blanket of freedom that our honored dead bequeathed to us.

Butch Miller of Woodbridge, Va., is the national commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organizations.

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## State budget approved with no debate

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Collinsville, noted that the budget approved Thursday contains more than \$500 million in new funding for elementary and higher education. The increase represents 51 percent of this year's new state revenues.

"It's going to ensure providing additional funding for elementary and secondary education, as well as higher education," he said. "I think that is, and should continue to be, our state's top priority."

Hoffman also pointed out the budget contains money to put 100 additional State Police officers on Illinois streets.

"We also ensured that some other needed infrastructure programs, such as school construction, are funded for the long term," he said.

For the most part, however, the project targeted billions of dollars in

road, bridge and mass transit needs.

Hoffman said his position as chairman of the House Transportation Committee presented him with an enviable opportunity during the session.

"I think I was in a unique position to help ensure that the entire Metro East area's major transportation needs were met," he said. "In the long term, if it had not been done in this legislative session, it would have been five or six years before we passed legislation providing funding for these important projects."

"As a representative, one of your jobs is to bring home your fair share for the area you represent," Hoffman said. "I think we've done that this session, and we're well-positioned to provide the necessary infrastructure arteries for the area's economic development and quality of

life." The package of budget-related bills includes a multibillion-dollar bond authorization measure to help make possible most of the \$6.3 billion state share of Ryan's public works program.

The House approved the bond measure 95-19.

Lawmakers last week approved the initial bills tied to Illinois FIRST, including 140 fee increases designed to raise nearly \$500 million, plus \$80 million in higher liquor taxes.

The state's \$6.3 billion portion of the program is to draw \$3 billion in federal and \$2.7 billion in local government matching funds. Most of the state money will come through bond sales of \$4.3 billion.

The Associated Press contributed information for this story.

## Venice school unions take aim at Doughty

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Khadjah Joharifard, previously had filed a lawsuit against the district after she was removed as administrator of the Venice Lincoln Technical Center last fall.

She stated that the previous evaluations, dated March 26, "did not necessarily reflect my personal opinions of these individuals as members of my staff," and that she "felt coerced into making these statements regarding these individuals on the previous evaluations; fearing that I would be accused of insubordination and/or targeted to receive write-ups, as others have been this year."

The original evaluations "reflected stated, as well as nonverbalized, expectations from my direct supervisor (Doughty)," Artis stated. Kevin Baker, president of Local 966, said Artis met with two union officials Thursday morning and confirmed the allegations.

"She states clearly and unequivocally that she was instructed to do so because of (Doughty's) disgust and contempt for the union," Baker said.

Members of Local 966 also criticized Doughty for his unwillingness to either

negotiate or meet over grievances filed by the union. Jerry Webb, president of Local 98, said the union has not negotiated or had any grievance hearings since Doughty became superintendent last summer. He said the union has at least 18 grievances awaiting hearing.

"To me, there's got to be only one thing in this man's mind: to bust the union," Webb said. "Either that or he's out of his mind."

"He's arrogant," Webb added. "I don't believe he's stupid, so he must be trying to bust the union."

He accused Doughty of destroying everything the district's employees have done. "These people are so down, morale is at an all-time low," he said. "It's hard to do your job when you're worried about someone sniping you in the back."

Shop Steward John Ervin, who is a Venice alderman and a member of the Madison School Board, said the situation is "terrible," and that this is "a lost year."

Baker agreed that it has not been a good year for the district. "We've done the best we can," he said. "We've held the fort."

"This is a year we came into

very optimistically," he said. "We had been on the academic watch list; we had worked our way off it. We had established a school improvement plan with a team from the state. That plan was unanimously approved by the school board. Enter Dr. Doughty, that plan was thrown in the trash can, and we're back to square one."

IFT representative Jerry Miller said he had been notified earlier Thursday that the IELRB had issued charges against the district.

"The situation is deplorable," he said. "We have a man who is supposed to be the educational leader and set an example. He will not listen to anyone. If it's not his viewpoint, it's wrong."

He said improving education should be about bringing together a community.

"Here we have an individual who believes his is the only way; he doesn't want to listen to what anyone else has to say," Miller said. "It's an environment in which improvement cannot occur."

## Deputies make first crystal meth arrest

By Sanford J. Schmidt Staff writer

Deputies have made Madison County's first arrests under a new law designed to stem the tide of crystal methamphetamine, a dangerous drug said to be spreading across the country.

The arrests of three men from Cuba, Mo., came Tuesday night after deputies staked out a farm supply store in St. Jacob, where several thefts of anhydrous ammonia have been reported recently.

The chemical is used in making crystal methamphetamine, which can cause death from an overdose. The process of

making the drug can cause explosions, and hazardous materials equipment is used to dismantle the labs where the drug is made.

"Theft of this compound is becoming more common because it is used as one of the ingredients in the preparation of the drug crystal methamphetamine," said Capt. Don Spaul of the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

The compound's legitimate use is for growing crops.

Employees of the farm supply store have been discovering the thefts when they arrive for work in the morning. The thefts are detectable because the thieves fail to completely shut off the outlet from the

ammonia tank, and a small white cloud results.

After reports of the thefts, deputies and agents of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwest Illinois traveled to the store Tuesday night, and the arrests resulted.

Arrested on charges of unlawful chemical breakdown of an illicit controlled substance were Kurtis L. Kayserling, 24; James T. Ward, 22; and Kenneth J. Highley Sr., 20.

The three have declined to provide any information about their activities. Deputies said they believe the three traveled to Illinois to steal the anhydrous ammonia because they erroneously believe that theft and possession of the compound are only misdemeanors in this state.

## Newest GC DARE class holds graduation

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from September through May. Five students, each representing an elementary school, were selected by their teachers to receive medals recognizing their well-written DARE essays.

Those students — Jessica Thebeau of Lake, Lacey Gambin of Marshall, Amie Carr of Mitchell, Alycia Dioneda of Niedringhaus and Christina Justus of Wilson — spoke briefly about the

program before a packed audience.

"I thought DARE was educational and fun," said Alycia, 11. "It taught us the dangers of drugs and much more. It taught us to respect ourselves and not to become involved in something that can harm us."

Lacey, 12, spoke next. "I learned a lot. I learned about violence and how drugs can cause heart disease and cancer."

Amie, 11, said the program gave her the confidence and self-esteem to avoid substance abuse involving peer pressure. "DARE will help me next year (when I attend middle school). I do not know what

I'm going to do with my life, but I know that I will say no to drugs," Amie said.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruehlhausen handed out the certificates and presented the medals. Dr. J.R. Vasiloff, president of the DARE committee, praised the children for their dedication to the program, and GCIS football coach and Third Ward Alderman Nick Petrillo told the students to stay firm in their resistance against substance abuse.

The graduation will be aired on Granite City Community Access Channel 6 at 5 p.m. Tuesday and at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The district has offered the program since 1989.

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# Scam artists may be operating here

St. Louis County resident loses \$7,000; area residents warned

By Michael Hall  
Staff writer

A man who recently knocked on a door in the 3300 block of Bradley and asked an elderly woman for a glass of water may have been a scam artist.

Four similar incidents occurred this month in St. Louis County. One elderly woman there was robbed of about \$7,000 when she let an individual enter her home.

The incident in Granite City occurred at about 9:30 a.m. April 29 at the home of an 81-year-old woman. The men

victim, who lives with her son, was not harmed or robbed. Her son was not home at the time of the incident.

According to a Granite City Police report, five people were allowed to enter the woman's home. They had swarthy complexions and claimed to work for the city. They told the woman they were working on a water-related problem at a neighboring house.

During the 30 minutes they were inside the home, one individual rummaged through a dresser drawer while another demanded that the woman give him \$100. She refused, saying she did not have any money. The men

hurriedly left, driving away in a brownish-colored, dilapidated station wagon.

Granite City Police Maj. Kip Pomeroy said residents, especially the elderly, should be aware of scams during this time of year.

He said people of Eastern European or Slovak descent often prey on the elderly during the summer. He said they travel from one community to another, knocking on doors and telling residents they work for a utility company or are state, county or municipal employees.

"It's unfortunate that there is a certain segment of our

society that takes advantage of good-natured senior citizens," he said. "There are those who will do just about anything to steal from them."

Pomeroy said the incident in Granite City is under investigation and that authorities at the police department are working with the St. Louis County Police Department to determine if the scam artists are the same people working both sides of the river.

If anyone has any suspicions about a possible scam, Pomeroy added, do not hesitate to call police.

## Collinsville man gets 12 years in abuse case

Keshner: No matter how ill you are, you must pay the price

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

Frank "Sonny" Cathey Jr.'s 12-year prison term may well turn into a life sentence for the gravely ill man.

But Madison County Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner

Court judge who sentenced Cathey Wednesday told him he had left, he did not pay for sexually abusing four sisters years ago.

"Whether (your life) lasts a day or another 100 years, you committed a crime and must pay the consequences," Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner said.

Cathey, a former janitor at the county courthouse in Edwardsville, suffers from advanced emphysema. He carried a portable oxygen tank with him to the sentencing hearing and wore a nasal tube to help him breathe in the gas.

His attorney, Harry Anderson of Bethalto, said Cathey has an estimated five years left to live. He submitted a medical report as evidence.

Cathey, 57, of Collinsville entered an Alford plea in March to a single charge of criminal sexual abuse related to the molestation of an 8-year-old girl in 1994. He faced a sentence range of four to 15 years as part of the arrangement.

The girl did not testify but submitted an impact statement through a caseworker, Keeley Giles.

"(She) wanted to be here but called me last night to say she couldn't. Her stomach hurt her too badly," Giles testified. "The girl now is in foster care in O'Fallon and has bounced from home to home because of a series of emotional problems brought on by the abuse. Assistant State's Attorney Kyle Napp said.

One by one, the girl's three older sisters took the witness

stand. All of them testified that Cathey molested them as youngsters after becoming associated with their family when they were 1, 3 and 5 years old.

The sisters now are 29, 25 and 24 and live in Collinsville, Edwardsville and Missouri. The oldest said the abuse began for her when she was 5 or 6 and continued until she ran away from home at age 14 "to get away from him."

She eventually was removed from the home by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

"I've waited 15 years for this," she said after the sentencing hearing. Another sister said she had reported the abuse to her mother but got no help. "I tried to tell Mom, but I don't think she understood or wanted to understand."

Anderson said the minimum four-year sentence would be enough. He cited Cathey's health, his willingness to get

treatment and his lack of a criminal record.

But Napp asked for a 15-year sentence.

"He stole four childhoods. It is time we start protecting our children from men like Frank Cathey, who has proven that he is a predator," Napp said.

Cathey, offered a chance to make a statement, told the judge he was sorry.

Keshner said he saw no rehabilitation possible for Cathey. He said imposing a minimum sentence would underestimate the seriousness of the charge.

"I listened to three young ladies testify very courageously about very intimate, embarrassing acts of sexual misconduct on your behalf," Keshner told Cathey.

Keshner called him not just a sex offender, but a robber.

"You robbed them of their childhood," he said.

## Obituaries

### Thomas Austin

THOMAS LEE AUSTIN, 61, of Dover, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at his residence.

He was born July 1, 1937, in Indian Mound, Tenn. Mr. Austin was a self-employed contractor and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria (Akins) Austin; a son, Marty Austin of Dover, Tenn.; three daughters, Nina, four sisters, Malinda Grupp, Faye Lehman and Bertha Trump, all of Indian Mound, Tenn., and Ethel Turner of Nashville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Flora (Parker) Austin.

Services were held Friday, May 28, at Anglin Funeral Home in Dover, with the Rev. Melvin Dunaway officiating. Burial was in Austin Cemetery in Indian Mound.

Memorials to Gateway Hospice are suggested.

Cecilia R. (Roderick) CRUSE,

78, of Granite City, died at 1 a.m. Friday, May 28, 1999, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

She was born Aug. 4, 1920, in Old Mines, Mo. Mrs. Cruse had worked as an office manager at the former W.T. Grant store in Granite City. She also had taught

at St. Boniface and St. Margaret Mary Catholic schools. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, its church choir and the Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include three sons, Herman Cruse and Dennis Cruse, both of Granite City, and David J. Cruse of Florissant, Mo.; two daughters, Pam Edwards of Granite City and Robyn Davis of Sandy, Utah; two brothers, Richard Roderick of Granite City and James Roderick of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; a sister, Teresa Harding of Granite City; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman S. Cruse, whom she married July 1, 1944; her parents, Alphonsa and Agnes (Boyer) Roderick; two brothers; three sisters; and a grandson, Greg Edwards.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 31, at Irwin Chapel, 3350 Maryville Road.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Wile officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials in the form of

Masses or to the Better Breath-ers Club at St. Elizabeth Medical Center have been suggested.

## 90-year-old man arrested for drugs

Police arrested a man who turns 90 tomorrow for suspected drug possession Thursday.

Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois officers arrested Ernest Adkins, 89, at his home in the 3000-block of Waverly, East St. Louis.

MEGSI Master Sgt. Victor Morris said Adkins is the oldest person he has seen arrested for drugs in his 26 years in law enforcement.

"As the saying goes, drugs have no boundaries," Morris said.

Police seized 12 heroin buttons — capsules the size of aspirin — four grams of heroin, crack cocaine and guns.

## Collinsville water park opening for first full season

By Val McDowell  
Staff writer

Area residents were able to enjoy the cool waters of Splash City Family Water Park in Collinsville for the first time this year during the holiday weekend.

Splash City, part of the Collinsville Area Recreation District, is celebrating its second year of business, but the 1999 season will be its first full year of operation.

"We are certainly looking forward to our first full summer, and our first full season of operation all the way around," said Lori Fuller, aquatic manager for Splash City.

Located at 10 Gateway Drive, the water park first opened its doors in July of last year, a few months later than planned because of construction delays.

Splash City, which cost a total of \$14.5 million to build, offers users a variety of

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They wandered onto a neighbor's property where they found an unbranded calf. By the western tradition, the calf belonged to the neighbor.

One of Roosevelt's cowboys started to tie up the calf and put the Roosevelt brand on it. Roosevelt asked, "Why are you doing that?" And the worker replied, "It's gonna be your calf boss."

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

Incensed, Roosevelt said to the man immediately, "You're fired. A man who will steal for me will steal from me."

Doing wrong never comes out right. I love the saying, "only one life to offer, it will

soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last."

Many great men and women have confessed that their greatest achievement was due to the power of God's word that was brought forth in their life. That power gives persistence, perseverance and success.

According to the Bible, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" How you live today will affect the peace in your life tomorrow. So make the right decisions now. Everyone can start fresh with God. Each day is a new beginning.

"I have seen so many miracles because I have opened up my heart, trusted and believed," writes reader Gail Rossiter.

"The time is always right to do what is right," Martin Luther King Jr. said.

According to the Bible, "Forgetting those things which are behind, press on to the mark of a high calling." Old habits die hard, but if God says forget, then forget.

I have a friend who told me that once her eyes were opened to the truths written in the Bible she had to take a stand for them or for the rest of her life know she would be living a lie.

How can you live with yourself when you compromise? What true success is there if something is gotten dishonestly?

"Truth stands the test of time: lies are soon exposed," Proverbs 12:19.

Reader Steve Durand wrote

via e-mail, "I find great joy in the knowledge that the Lord is always available to me. He fills me with a sense of quiet contentment that balances out the frustration and despair that seem to pervade modern life and affect us all at one time or another."

Sleep is sweeter for those who toil honestly, leaving their souls in God's care.

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom," Thomas Jefferson said.

Many highly successful people live by a code of "super honesty." They are not satisfied with just casual standards; they go the extra mile and make the right choices. Speak out against dishonesty, stand up for what is right and will have lived a life worthy of respect and honor.

moral values. Make today the day of decision. From this moment forward, walk through every minute of your life taking a stand for what is right. Remember the knights in ages past? They were the noble ones riding out to crusade for what is right and to fight for what is right.

This is a new day, ask God to forgive the past, determine in your heart to be true and noble from now on no matter what the cost. Knowing that you have taken a stand for that which is right with all your heart is surely a great triumph for any life. You will have lived to the fullest, will have achieved the very best and will have lived a life worthy of respect and honor.



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# Casino Queen expects big win after casino law change

By Jason White  
Staff writer

The Casino Queen expects to win big, if changes to gambling laws approved by the state legislature last week are signed into law. The legislature passed a bill last Tuesday that could allow casinos to dock permanently.

Patrons would be allowed on the boat at any time, instead of having to wait for the next cruise.

The bill, which on Friday was waiting for the signature of Gov. George Ryan, also gives tax breaks

and a share of casino revenues to the state's horse-racing business.

Casino Queen Chief Operating Officer Ed Duffy said the law would benefit the casino.

"I think overall it will increase our business," Duffy said. "It makes us a lot more competitive with the boats across the river. We think it will have a very positive impact."

The law would allow the casino to build new facilities with higher ceilings for a less smoky environment, Duffy said.

"This does give us the

opportunity of changing the location where we do the gaming," he said.

Patrons will pay the \$2 boarding fee once per day instead of paying a separate fee for each cruise, Duffy said.

State law now requires boats to be in cruise mode for two hours, even if high water or weather conditions keep the boat docked.

Duffy said an increase in casino business would create new jobs and more money for the city of East St. Louis, which relies heavily on gaming revenue to provide basic city services. "We're just very pleased about it," he said. "We plan on taking this business to the next level."

East St. Louis Mayor Debra Powell could not be reached Friday.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, said the dockside gaming law is needed for the Alton Belle and the Casino Queen to compete with Missouri's riverboat casinos, which are not required to cruise.

Telegraph staff writer Steve Whitworth contributed to this report.

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## Niedringhaus scholars

Sixth-grade students at Niedringhaus School recently received the W. Richard Brinkhoff Academic Achievement Award. Students receiving the award were, from left, front row, Elyn Hollis, Scott Warren, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Kelsey Roseman, and Rachel Warren; middle row, Chris Hallas, Malarie Parker and Rebecca Vance; back row, Brian Vorce, Lindsay Siebert, Alexandria Burniski and Stephen Jones; and not pictured, Christopher Asadorian and Cameron Carpenter.

## Ground broken for alumni center

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

Promoters of B. Barnard Birger Hall predicted Thursday that tens of thousands of alumni and future donors to the university will appreciate having a building at SIUE.

University officials held a groundbreaking Thursday for the hall, named after the Collinsville businessman who donated his house and property to raise money for the building.

The hall, just off Circle Drive near the Vandalabene

Center, will house the Alumni Association and the Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville Foundation. Construction is expected to begin in 30 days. Korte Construction Co. is the general contractor.

SIUE Chancellor David Werner pointed out there are 62,000 SIUE alumni.

"It is appropriate they have a fine facility like this on campus," Werner said.

He also pointed out that the foundation started out with \$100 and a book but has flourished enough to have raised \$2.7 million last year.

He said the foundation will be able to use the new building to bring in more money for the university.

Birger said he has agreed to donate another \$200,000 to defray the costs of the building. He said there may be

an additional \$600,000 to \$700,000 available in private donations for the hall.

Architect Mike Konzen, vice president of Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets, said the building will extend over two fingers of Cougar Lake and will contain a meeting room for up to 150 people.

About the same time as SIUE officials were breaking ground for Birger Hall, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., announced the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$5 million for an ethanol research center at University Park on campus.

Durbin said the committee, of which he is a member, reviewed and approved the energy and water spending bill for fiscal year 2000.

"This is a significant development that we will continue to fight for as this legislation makes its way through Congress," Durbin said.

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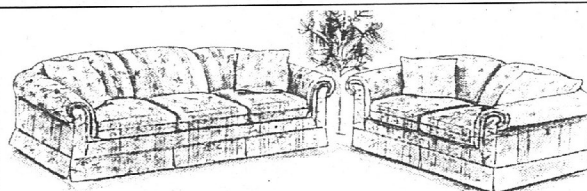
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## Things are looking up at U of I

Baseball field gets lights; basketball team heads down under

Without question, things are looking up and down at the University of Illinois. Patience, friend, this is not to dwell on any negatives. There are positives in the up — the Illini baseball program adding lights to its field this



Art Voellinger  
**Sports Views**

spring — and the down — the men's basketball team playing down under this spring in Australia. First, the baseball: On April 27, Illinois became just the third Big Ten Conference team to play night baseball at an on-campus facility. The others are Ohio State and Minnesota.

What will the \$219,000 light installation do for the Illini? For Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones, the former Southern Illinois University-Carbondale guru, recruiting is the name of the game, and with the lighted field he was quick to say: "Players like to go where there's a crowd, there's excitement. They look around and see what a ballpark has, and now this is a complete ballpark."

While crowds of around 300 were common at the Illinois Field, which is in its 12th season, the lights are expected to attract as many as 2,000 to night games in late April and early May.

According to Illini sports information director Dave Johnson, "Students and senior citizens were the ones who attended day games. Now we're going to be able to market to a whole other group of fans — get more groups, more kids, more families out to the ballpark."

Other benefits include Jones being able to practice at night and get around players' class schedules. In addition, the facility could host more than U of I events, including junior college regional tournaments, high school games for teams in the Champaign area, American Legion summer games and games involving the youngsters who attend the Illini summer camps.

Could Champaign host either the IHSAA Class A (currently in Springfield) or Class AA (in Geneva) state baseball tournaments? My bet is once the university puts its lighted facility to use, a bid will follow, especially since Illinois and Champaign have lost the Class AA basketball tourney to Peoria.

The basketball: The Illini men went to Australia, participating in a trip allowed once every four years by the NCAA.

Most important is that newly eligible point guard Frankie Williams, the former Peoria Manual state champion leader, was able to gain valuable playing time after sitting out a season as a partial academic qualifier.

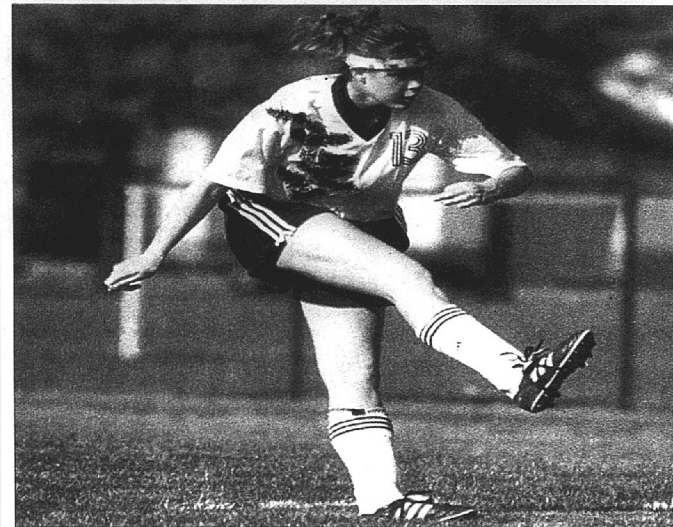
Among the teams the Illini were scheduled to face will be four professional teams in addition to the Australian Youth National Team.

"The timing of the trip is perfect, especially with a young team," said Illinois Coach Lon Kruger. "It's an opportunity for our guys to come out of the spring with more practices and games under their belts."

The Illini were 14-18 last season but finished strong enough to make it to the Big Ten tourney finals.

Forget the ups and downs. Who can blame Illini fans for looking ahead?

## Lancers eliminate Granite City



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City senior Debra Aaron controls the ball in a recent game for the Warriors, who finished the 1999 season on Thursday night with a 1-0 loss to Belleville East in the IHSAA Columbia Sectional tournament semifinals. "We definitely outplayed them," Warriors junior Natalie Judge said. "The officiating hurt us a lot because there were two goals that I think we should have had and we didn't get either one of them." The Warriors finished the season at 13-5-2. Belleville East, the top seed in the sectional, advanced to play No. 2 seed Collinsville on Saturday in the championship game of the sectional. See Page 3B of today's paper for the Kahoks' win against Carbondale and see Wednesday's Journal for the championship game recap.

## Top seed advanced to title game with 1-0 win

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Belleville East girls soccer team was awarded the No. 1 seed prior to the IHSAA Columbia Sectional soccer tournament.

But the Lancers still had a point to prove Thursday evening in the semifinal round against Granite City. Belleville East posted a 1-0 victory to advance to Saturday morning's sectional championship game against Collinsville. Those two teams had split a pair of regular-season meetings. Belleville East scored the game's lone goal in the 51st minute. Lancers junior Lauren Verocchi followed the ball after it squirted free of a collision deep in the Warriors end. Verocchi dribbled and chipped the ball past advancing Granite City keeper Chelsea Peery for the winner.

"I think we played really well," Lancers senior Christen Seaman said. "We came out and knew we had to do it and we took it to them just as much as they wanted to take it to us. They said that wasn't the best offense, and they would prevail the second time they met us. Well, we prevailed this time. Hopefully, you never want to meet them again. East lightly anymore because we are a team to reckon with."

The Lancers had beaten Granite City during their

march to the Southwestern Conference title.

"It was a real good game," East coach Mark Lasley said. "I knew it was going to be a battle and it was everything I expected it would be. We feel like we are a good team and we proved it all year with a 20-2 record. I think the girls really kind of came out a little bit shaky in the beginning and I just said, 'Look, you guys are good. Come out harder in the second half and take it to them.' And they did."

The Warriors had chances, including a pair of potential plays. Late in the first half, junior Laura Canada followed the bouncing ball past Lancers keeper Niki Delgado and tapped it into the net but the Warriors were offside. Late in the second half, Montgomery sent a corner into the box that sat on the crease before Delgado smothered it. The Warriors in the end thought the ball had crossed over.

"We definitely outplayed them," Warriors junior Natalie Judge said. "The officiating hurt us a lot because there were two goals that I think we should have had and we didn't get either one of them. They called Laura offside and she clearly wasn't offside, and the ball (on the line) was definitely in."

The close marking cost the Warriors the contribution of all-state senior co-captain Melissa Montgomery, who was

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## Top prep athletes are stark contrasts



Rick Graefe photos

Riverview (Mo.) Gardens High School senior Christian Morton (left) receives a congratulatory handshake from Suburban Journals president and chief executive officer Tom Rice after being recognized as the Journals Athlete of the Year at Busch Stadium on Tuesday evening. The ceremony preceded the Cardinals baseball game.



Toby Carrig (left), sports editor for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, presented plaques to the Metro East Athletes of the Year on Tuesday night at Busch Stadium. Honorees were (from left): Danielle Lawary of Belleville West, Mike Bowen of O'Fallon and Autumn Dow of Collinsville. Collinsville's Ken Lutz had a prior commitment.

## Specializing in football led Morton to record season, state title chase

By Mark McColl  
Correspondent

Outstanding high school athletes often are the students who play whatever sport is in season — and do it very well. The Suburban Journals Male Athlete of the Year is that kind of athlete, but in his senior year he chose to concentrate on one sport.

For Christian Morton and the Riverview (Mo.) Gardens High School football team, that concentration paid off in a state championship. Morton, the quarterback for the Rams, led Riverview to 13-1 season, including a 41-34 victory against Jefferson City (Mo.) in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 5A championship game at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

Morton burned the Jays for 364 yards of offense (211 passing and 153 rushing) and tied the Class 5A championship game record with three touchdowns.

## Stark never slowed down, excelling in three sports in her senior season

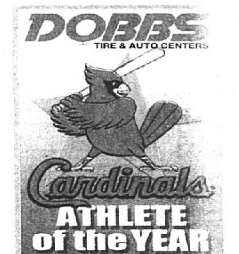
By Dennis Barnidge  
Staff writer

High school sports may not have a bigger fan — or a better player — than Debbie Stark.

Stark could play the athletic snob she hardly would be the first — and give high school ball the cold shoulder. With schedules that overlap from summer to fall to winter to spring, she could walk away from a high school season and there would be no reason for anyone to complain.

Stark, a senior at House Springs (Mo.) Northwest High School, wouldn't hear of it. She's shocked by the suggestion.

For the 1998 season, Morton finished with a St. Louis area record 2,533 yards passing. His



4,957 career passing yards also established a new record for

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"I love playing high school (sports)," she says. "I love playing with my friends." Her friends feel the same way. Mandy Konersmann is a terrific soccer talent who has spent four seasons of varsity ball as the best Northwest player who wasn't Debbie Stark. She waves off the notion she receives more notice on a team that didn't have Stark in the spotlight.

"She deserves it all," Konersmann says of the attention. "I love playing with her. She's great. Stark is great. Seemingly,

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# Gamblin closes prep career

Granite City valedictorian had other priorities ahead of high school athletics

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Leah Gamblin has her priorities firmly in order. The valedictorian of the class of 1999 at Granite City High School was a member of the girls soccer and volleyball teams for the past four seasons. But during it all, she kept her sporting activities in the proper perspective. "As an athlete, she is fit," Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker said.

"She would be an outstanding soccer player if it were higher on her list of priorities. Unfortunately, she has her priorities in line," he joked.

"I think she is certainly a very religious person; her dad is the minister," Baker said. "Next, she is an excellent citizen, then student. Then she has all of these other desirable qualities — leadership, fortitude, all of these things that make her what she is. She is such an example of a well-rounded student-athlete."

Gamblin attends Grace Baptist and has other goals ahead of athletics. "My church is very important to me and so is my family," Gamblin said. "Basically, my family and my church go together because my dad is the minister. So I've always gone to church my whole life and it has always been important to me. And my whole life, I have dreamed of being valedictorian; it's been my goal. Because of that, my academics have always been a high priority to me, so that always comes before soccer or volleyball or anything else. I know I'm not going to go to school to play soccer, I know I'm not going to be on the World Cup team, and I'm not going to be on the USA Women's volleyball team."

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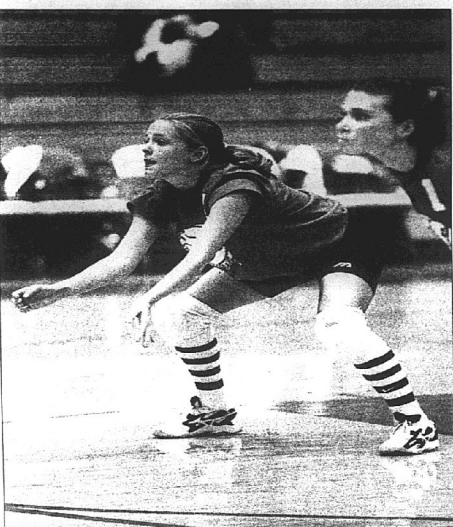
Gene Baker  
Granite City coach

"Something that I want to do and something that I know I can accomplish, I'm going to work harder at. So that's why those things have always been important to me."

Gamblin's accomplishments require character and discipline. "You just have to prioritize," Gamblin said. "Sundays, I set aside for church. We just recently have had our soccer practices on Sunday afternoons, but that's after church. Now that school is over, it's better that it has been. You just have to fit it all in."

Though she didn't get to start many games, Gamblin has been an exemplary team member for the Warriors soccer program. "I've always tried to keep a positive attitude about our whole team," Gamblin said. "I don't like to talk about my own opinions about people. I like to try to keep them to myself. Even though everybody has their flaws, I just try to keep a good attitude toward everyone and about anyone."

The Warriors lost their IHSA sectional semifinal game to Belleville East Thursday, closing out Gamblin's high



Granite City's Leah Gamblin ranks first in the senior class and played volleyball and soccer for the Warriors.

soccer season. But down the stretch, the Warriors soccer team came together as a group.

"I think it's about remembering everything we were supposed to do and not having the bad attitudes toward each other," Gamblin said. "Coach is going to put out there who he thinks can get the job done, so everyone needed to deal with that and handle it in the best way."

As difficult as it was to juggle all of her activities, Gamblin wouldn't trade a minute of her busy scholastic schedule.

"I think I would have missed a lot if I wouldn't have done it all," Gamblin said. "A lot of people don't or can't figure out why I was doing so much, but it was my choice and that is what I chose to do. That is how I chose to spend my time and I've loved every minute of it."

And Granite City coaches enjoyed it as well.

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## Local coaches set summer sports camps

Granite City's Baker plans soccer camp for June 7-11

The 1999 Warrior Kicker Camp is set for June 7-11 at the

SPORTS BRIEFS

Granite City campus of Belleville Area College. Sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Cost for the week-long camp is \$85.

The camp is open to boys only.

"It's 27 years old here," said Gene Baker, Granite City soccer coach and camp director. "It's located on the BAC field, so there are plenty of facilities. Most good, quality commuter teaching camps will run roughly \$125 and up. We tried to keep the cost down."

"It is primarily a teaching camp. We teach skills and we focus on southern Illinois soccer-playing tendencies and flaws. So the goal is constantly to upgrade the quality of the game in the area."

"I usually have some guests Sean Petrovsky (a former Warrior standout, now playing in the German Bundesliga First Division with 1860 Munich) will stop by."

Baker is one of the winningest high school coaches in the nation. Registration forms can be picked up at Granite City High School. Completed applications should be returned to Coach Baker at 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, MO, 63138.

### Kahoks hoops camp

The 17th annual Collinsville basketball camp is slated for June 21-25 at Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium. The camp will be divided into two sessions. The morning session (9 a.m.-12 noon) is for boys ages 8-11 and the second session (1-4 p.m., each day) is for ages 12-14.

Advance registration is taking place. Limited spaces are available and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

To receive a registration form, call 346-6320, ext. 1230.

The camp fee is \$75 and includes all instruction, camp T-shirt and camp certificate. Each participant will be videotaped while shooting and will have the shots analyzed by the coaching staff.

The staff includes Collinsville High varsity basketball coach Bob Bone, assistant coaches at Collinsville, former Kahoks players and other coaches from the area.

### Kahoks tennis camp

The Kahok Tennis Camp is set for June 14-18 at Collinsville High School tennis courts. The camp, under the direction of Collinsville boys and girls tennis coach Michele Stuts, is for students enrolling in grades 3-8. Camp sessions are 9-10 a.m.

For information, contact the high school.

### Kahoks softball camp

The fifth annual Collinsville softball camp will be June 14-18 (8:45 a.m.-12 noon each day) and is open to girls who currently are playing T-ball up to those who have completed the eighth grade.

The cost is \$50 for pre-registered participants; \$55 for registration day of the camp.

For information, call Teri Ahlvers at 345-7784.

### Kahoks baseball camp

The 10th annual Collinsville baseball camp will be June 21-25 (8:45 a.m.-12 noon each day) at Webster Gymnasium.

The cost is \$55 for pre-registered participants; \$60 on the day of the camp. For information, call Teri Ahlvers at 345-7784.

## Girls soccer

IHSA PLAYOFFS  
Girls Soccer  
Columbia Sectional

Regional finals  
Tuesday  
Game 11: Belleville East 8,

Althoff 0.

Game 12: Granite City 2, Triad

Game 13: Collinsville 4,

O'Fallon 1.

Game 14: Carbondale 2,

Edwardsville 0.

Sectional semifinals  
(at Columbia)

May 27

Game 15: Belleville East 1,

Granite City 0.

Game 16: Collinsville 2, Carbon-

dale 1.

Sectional championship  
(at Columbia)

May 29

Belleville East vs. Collinsville.

## Morton's concentration to football pays off in title

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the region. On Tuesday night, Morton received his Athlete of the Year honor in a ceremony at Busch Stadium before the St. Louis Cardinals game with San Francisco.

Among the seven nominees for the boys award were Mike Bowen of O'Fallon and Kenny Lutz of Collinsville — the Athletes of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Although Morton's ability to throw the football caught some teams off guard last fall, it was no surprise to

Rams coach Darren Sunkett.

"It's all you the truth, it's what I expected," Sunkett said. "I knew that he had that kind of ability. He was in his third year as the starter and I expected him to be the leader, and he was. Before we were ready, he put us on his shoulders and carried us."

The state championship — and Morton's role in it — was the perfect finish to Morton's prep career.

"That was my goal and I accomplished it," he said. "I thought I had a good season the year before, but I didn't get any recognition at all. Whenever anybody mentioned me, all they talked about was my ability to run with the ball, so it felt good to

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recruiting Morton, who played prep basketball through his junior year at Riverview (Mo.) Gardens senior

after the 1998 season ended — never caught up. Morton honored an early oral commitment and signed with the Illini in February.

However, Morton still is waiting word on his eligibility. If he can meet the required ACT score, Morton hopes to hit the ground running. He leaves for Champaign on June 12.

Morton's decision to concentrate on football kept him from returning to the Rams basketball team this winter.

"I really wanted to play," he said. "But sometimes, you have to sacrifice some things."

## Stark excelled in soccer, softball and basketball for Lions

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she's great at everything. Soccer. Softball.

Hot all-around skill made her the Suburban Journals Female Athlete of the Year for the 1998-99 school year. Other nominees included Danielle Laway of Belleville West and Autumn Dow of Collinsville — the Athletes of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

The winners were announced at pregame ceremonies Tuesday at Busch Stadium. Athlete of the Year honorees from each Journal publication group in the metro area were recognized by St. Louis Cardinals president and CEO Tom Rice, Cardinals managing general corporate partner Fred Hanser, and Dobbbs Tire and Auto president David Dobbbs.

"Stark is remarkable," Lions soccer coach Azim Anwar says.

If there was any doubt of that, the 18-year-old wiped it out this year. After setting impossible high standards as a junior, she came back and was even better this year. She won all-state honors in softball, hitting

.559 and leading the St. Louis region with 52 stolen bases. She shared Suburban South Conference Player of the Year honors, winning the award for the second year in a row. In basketball, she led the Suburban South Conference in assists (by a 2-to-1 margin) and was among the league's best in scoring and steals. She won all-conference honors for leading the Northwest basketball team to a district championship.

Stark powered the Lions soccer team to a district title and a sectional championship. And, despite drawing more defensive attention — and more snacks, whacks and collisions — than anyone else in the area, she captured the St. Louis area scoring title for the second year in a row.

Stark broke her own single-season scoring record when she jammed her 43rd goal of the season into the net during the district championship game. It was the latest in a long list of season and career marks she's set in softball, basketball and soccer.

While the Southwest Missouri State University-bound Stark was glad to break the scoring mark, she was more pleased with the

### SUBURBAN JOURNALS

#### ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Following is a listing of the athletes singled out as the top high school performers of the 1998-99 school year at the Suburban Journals' seven publication groups in the metro area. The Athlete of the Year award winners were recognized during on-field ceremonies prior to the St. Louis Cardinals game Tuesday at Busch Stadium.

#### BOYS HONOREES

Illinois (St. Clair/Monroe) O'Fallon  
South St. Louis County Collinsville  
Illinois (Madison County) Eureka (Mo.)  
North St. Louis County  
Christian Morton, Riverview (Mo.) Gardens  
West St. Louis County

team's success. The Lions' district title was the first for the program since 1978.

"It's kind of neat to play all four years and then win two district titles (basketball and soccer) in the last year," she said. "I really couldn't have asked for anything better."

In her "free time," Stark has been a big part of the winning formula with her select soccer

Yundra Rowley, Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway West  
St. Charles County  
Kevin O'Sadnick, St. Charles (Mo.) Duchesne

Jefferson County Festus (Mo.) St. Plus

GIRLS HONOREES

Illinois (St. Clair/Monroe) Belleville West

Illinois (Madison County)

Autumn Dow, West St. Louis County Collinsville

Melanie Fisher, Town and Country (Mo.) Principia

St. Charles County

Dana Schulte, St. Charles (Mo.) West

Jefferson County

Debbie Stark, House Springs (Mo.) Northwest

North St. Louis County

Marci Stedman, Florissant (Mo.) McClellan North

South St. Louis County

Lindey Stock, St. Louis DuBourg

team, J.B. Marine, and with her select softball club, the St. Louis Heat. J.B. Marine has won eight consecutive Missouri titles and played for the 17-and-under national title last summer.

The Heat ran off a winning streak of more than 50 games last season, losing only to a 12th-place finish in the national tournament.



# Kahoks reach sectional final

## Collinsville nips Terriers to set up third meeting with Lancers

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

The Collinsville High girls soccer team reached its anticipated third meeting with Belleville East in the championship of the IHSA Columbia Sectional tournament. But it wasn't easy.

Collinsville, the No. 2 seed behind Belleville East, defeated No. 3 Carbondale 2-1 on Thursday afternoon in Columbia.

The Kahoks (19-4-1) were scheduled to play East (20-2) in the championship game Saturday morning in their bid for a second straight appearance at the IHSA girls soccer state tournament. The Lancers defeated Granite City 1-0 on Thursday evening.

For the first time in three postseason tests, Collinsville did not trail in Thursday's game but it did have its toughest opponent in the Terriers (18-5-1).

Heather Holland's restart goal for the Kahoks with 18 minutes remaining broke a 1-1 tie and stood up as the game-winner. Holland actually misfired

on the restart kick and floated a shot toward the net. The ball bounced in front of Carbondale keeper Sarah Hyde and then bounced over and into the net.

"Actually that ball should have been further out toward our players," Wallace said. "They had a tall player back in there. We said any time we have any set plays we need to keep it away from her or sail it over her head. We were able to do that and the keeper just read the ball wrong and it bounced over her head."

Carbondale's backfield kept the Kahoks from getting many shots on goal. Holland's kick was the team's first shot of the second half.

"They were tough," Wallace said. "It is hard some times when you are not familiar with a team and know a few things about them. It was difficult. We had to make a few adjustments. They are a nice team. They have a solid defense. We had a hard time there for a while just penetrating their defense but we figured it out and were able to capitalize."

Scoring opportunities were limited for both teams in the first half. The Kahoks struck first on a picture-perfect corner kick defense. Kelly Bowling floated the kick toward

the near post. Amanda Kirksey, standing near the post and in front of Hyde, deflected the ball into the net.

"Kelly was warming up before the match on her corners," Wallace said. "She was putting a lot of in swingers more toward the keeper. I told Amanda to get in on the keeper. Normally, we make a run there (toward the near post) instead of basically standing there, but it paid off for us."

Stacy Deluca kept the Terriers off the scoreboard in the first half with seven saves.

But Carbondale tied the score one minute into the second half. Courtney Reeder chipped a shot from 20 yards out that sailed over the head of Kahoks keeper Angie Parker.

The Terriers nearly took the lead 10 minutes later. The Terriers fired a shot at Parker, who snared it but lost control of the ball. The ball dropped in front of the goal line but spun back toward the goal. Parker grabbed the ball before it crossed the line.

"It was close but she didn't get too excited," Wallace said. "It was almost like a basketball dribble. She picked it up and punted it out. I figured since she didn't get to worked up about it, I figured it couldn't have been that close."

# Lancers eliminate Granite City 1-0

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tackled from behind midway through the first half.

"I think we had the better of the play and we lost the game," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "That's the nature of the game sometimes and you have to be able to deal with that. Melissa got hurt early and I think that really affected the game."

Both sides had to deal with a thin, fast turf at Columbia Soccer Complex. "The field was fast, but we said that it would be like that and both teams have to play on it," Baker said. "At least it was true to play. It's a nice field."

The Warriors, seeded fifth for the sectional, finished

13-5-2, including a win against No. 4 Triad in the regional championship. "We all came together and we all played our hearts out today, Judge said. "We all wanted it really bad today. Everyone wanted to win, we played like a team, and we outplayed them. We had some shots, but we just didn't get them in when we needed to."

Belleville East was set for its rubber game with Collinsville.

"I think we just need a little bit of confidence," Lacey said. "This will help. This win will give them some confidence and we can start really picking it up and seeing like we are a No. 1 seed. But other than that we are playing really well."

# Granite City edges Eagles

## Warriors take advantage of Civic Memorial's errors

By Adam Roe  
Staff writer

Five Civic Memorial errors allowed Granite City to pick up a 4-3 victory Thursday in the first round of the IHSA Class AA Granite City Regional.

The third-seeded Eagles committed an error in the first inning, one in the third and three in the fourth as sixth-seeded Granite City (13-20) capitalized on the opportunities.

"There were a couple times in the game where they helped us out and we were able to take advantage of it," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said.

"We got real good pitching from Scott Schardan and Sean Courtney. Offensively, we got just enough to win."

Granite City's biggest scoring surge came in the fourth inning with the help of three consecutive errors by Civic Memorial. Shawn O'Dell led off the inning with a grounder to shortstop Dustin Devening, who misplayed the ball. Warriors catcher Matt Mercer then hit Josh Collman's first delivery to Devening, whose throw to second base was dropped by Brandon Tinker. Granite City's Aaron Hoback reached base on an error by Eagles third baseman James Brenner, loading the bases. Collman then struck out the next two batters but Devin Mayes drove in two runs with a single, giving the Warriors a 3-1 lead.

"We just didn't play very well," Civic Memorial coach Gary Bruening said. "We had six errors, three unearned runs, Josh hit two (batters) and walked four and we didn't hit the ball. We have been hitting the ball pretty well lately but didn't hit the ball when we needed to. We actually didn't get that many guys on base when you think about it."

The Eagles made the game interesting in the bottom of the fifth inning. Eagles first baseman Ryan Spurgeon singled to left field and Jim Rogers drove him home with a triple off Courtney. Tinker then singled in Rogers to tie the game at 3-3.

"I was going along pretty good until the bottom of the fifth," Courtney said. "I got ahead of the batters but I just couldn't make that last pitch. I think I just wasn't focusing mentally like I was before. I was putting everything up and they were hitting it."

Courtney was replaced by Schardan, who pitched the remainder of the game and shut down the Eagles.

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### METRO EAST BASEBALL

| Southwestern Conference |      |         |
|-------------------------|------|---------|
| Team                    | Conf | Overall |
| Belleville East         | 11-1 | 26-3    |
| Edwardsville            | 9-3  | 25-6    |
| Collinsville            | 8-4  | 25-6    |

Belleville West  
Granite City  
Alton  
East St. Louis

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 7-5  | 20-9 | 7-5  | 20-9 |
| 8-16 | 8-16 | 8-16 | 8-16 |
| 1-7  | 6-14 | 1-7  | 6-14 |
| 0-10 | 1-13 | 0-10 | 1-13 |

Triad  
Mascoutah  
Waterloo  
Jerseyville

6-4  
5-3  
3-5  
1-8

25-7  
12-15  
11-16  
11-16

Freeburg  
Carlyle  
Brees C.  
Dupo  
Marissa  
Lebanon  
Westlin  
New Athens

7-2  
4-4  
4-4  
4-4  
4-4  
3-7  
2-6  
1-5

11-15  
14-15  
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Team Conf | Overall |

Belleville East 11-1 | 26-3 |

Edwardsville 9-3 | 25-6 |

Collinsville 8-4 | 25-6 |

Team Conf | Overall |

Civic Memorial 7-3 | 14-10 |

Highland 6-4 | 20-6 |

Team Conf | Overall |

Columbia 8-1 | 22-9 |

Red Bud 5-1 | 11-12 |

Team Conf | Overall |

O'Fallon 6-4 | 19-4 |

Cahokia 1-4 | 5-15 |

Team Conf | Overall |

Althoff 15-2 | 24-4 |

Marquette 15-2 | 16-9 |

Gibault 15-2 | 16-11 |

Roxana 15-2 | 15-12 |

Okawville 15-2 | 9-10 |

Mater Dei 15-2 | 9-11 |

Valmeyer 15-2 | 6-16 |

Wood River 15-2 | 6-17 |

M.E. Lutheran 15-2 | 4-20 |

Team Conf | Overall |

Belleville West 14-0 | 25-2 |

Belleville East 10-2 | 23-6 |

Edwardsville 5-6 | 15-13 |

Alton 5-7 | 12-18 |

Granite City 5-7 | 9-13 |

Collinsville 3-9 | 10-14 |

East St. Louis 0-11 | 0-12 |

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Highland 6-3 | 10-10 |

Civic Memorial 6-4 | 12-12 |

Waterloo 2-8 | 9-18 |

Jerseyville 0-9 | 2-25 |

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Westlin 8-0 | 9-11 |

Freeburg 6-2 | 15-7 |

Columbia 5-3 | 19-9 |

Dupo 4-3 | 15-5 |

New Athens 4-3 | 8-13 |

Red Bud 3-3 | 8-10 |

Lebanon 2-6 | 5-14 |

Marissa 1-5 | 1-18 |

Carlyle 0-6 | 0-14 |

Team Conf | Overall |

O'Fallon 11-1 | 28-3 |

Cahokia 0-2 | 0-12 |

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Lebanon 2-6 | 5-14 |

Marissa 1-5 | 1-18 |

Carlyle 0-6 | 0-14 |

Team Conf | Overall |

O'Fallon 11-1 | 28-3 |





# 'Trekkies' goes where no film has gone before: To the fans

It seemed suspicious from the start: Paramount Pictures, corporate keeper of the ever-revered "Star Trek" flame, producing a documentary about "Trek" fans?

Surely this had all the makings of self-congratulatory pablum. Not at all. The deadpan, frequently hilarious documentary called "Trekkies" focuses on a modern American obsession and leaves no fan unskewered. And even if the jabs are all gentle and good-natured, a message still emerges: Be afraid. Be very afraid.

There is the Whitewater juror who came to court dressed as a Starfleet officer. There is the Orlando, Fla. dentist whose entire office is decorated in a "Star Trek" motif, right down to the uniformed dental assistants. There is the guy who legally changed his name to James T. Kirk and the team of scholars translating the Bible and the

"Gilligan's Island" theme song into Klingon. But wait — there's more. The tricorder-wearing poodle. The guy who's altered his SUV into a shuttlecraft. The woman so obsessed with "Trek" actor Brent Spiner that she takes "Brent breaks" to think about him. The fan who stood up at a convention and asked an actor: "What's it like to be beamed up?"

"Even now, I still have an ongoing process of trying to grasp all this," says Leonard "Spock" Nimoy. Director Roger Nygard (who also edited, and the interesting in "Trekkies" is part of the movie's genius) commissioned actress Denise Crosby (Tasha Yar of the first season of "Star Trek: The Next Generation") to be an investigative reporter of sorts.

He sent her to conventions and on the trail of hard-core fans, and her cachet as a part of the "Trek" phenomenon gave her the entrée and ability to solicit more candid

responses from her quarry. Nygard and Crosby let the fans talk — and talk and talk. It's a conscious tactic, allowing them to tell their own obsession without directly poking fun. What's more, "Trekkies" never loses sight of the basic honorable traits that drive the phenomenon: curiosity about the world, conviction that the future is bright, and an imperative to treat others well no matter how alien they seem.

Granted, most of those chronicled in "Trekkies" belong to the fringe of "Star Trek" fandom. It's the same story when TV covers "Trek" conventions. The camera guy heads straight for the growing Klingon and the geeky Vulcan with the pointy ears; it makes for good video. But do you ever see the normally dressed people who are just plain interested?

That's not the point of "Trekkies," though.

## Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, May 30. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

**CHASE PARK PLAZA CINEMA**  
Kingshighway & Lindell, 367-0101  
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**CARMIKE PETITE**  
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-7098

Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45  
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55  
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40  
Life (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

**EASTGATE CINE**  
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5288

Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50  
Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00  
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00  
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40

**COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA**  
Edwardsville, Ill., 856-6390

Out of Towners (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00  
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15

**ESQUIRE CINE**  
6705 Clayton Road, 781-3300

Black Mask (R) 11:30, 1:35, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50  
The 13th Floor (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50  
Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Star Wars (PG) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55  
The Matrix (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30  
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:15, 1:50, 5:10, 4:40, 10:10  
The Mummy (PG-13) 10:45, 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55

**HALLS FERRY 14 CINE**  
2600 Target Drive, 822-4900

Trippin' (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05  
Trippin' (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15  
The Matrix (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05  
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10

**QUAD CINEMA**  
Belleville, 233-1220

Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Life (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15  
Life (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30  
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:10  
Foolish (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50  
The 13th Floor (R) 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:25  
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:55  
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:20, 10:00  
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:00

**LINCOLN THEATER**  
103 E. Main, Belleville, 233-0123

The King and I (G) 1:45, 7:05  
Payback (R) 8:50  
Baby Geniuses (PG) 2:00, 7:15, 9:15  
The Other Sister (PG-13) 1:30, 7:00, 9:30

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
30 Nameoki Village, Granite City, 877-6839

The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00  
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15

**O'FALLON 15 CINE**  
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, 822-4800

The Love Letter (PG-13) 1:45, 2:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10  
Forces of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 4:20, 7:05  
Trekkies (PG) 9:20  
Midsummer Night's Dream (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40  
Life (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30  
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00  
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 8:30  
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
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**STAR WARS (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00**

**UNION STATION CINEMA**  
Union Station, 241-4444

Star Wars (PG) 12:15, 3:30, 6:30  
The 13th Floor (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
The Mummy (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45  
Trippin' (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:30, 9:30  
Life (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30  
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45  
The Matrix (R) 12:45, 4:00, 6:45  
Foolish (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30  
Entrapment (PG-13) 12:45, 3:30, 7:15

**WATERLOO CINEMA**  
Route 3, Waterloo, 939-9997

Star Wars (PG) 12:15, 3:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45  
Notting Hill (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20  
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Entrapment (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

**WEST OLIVE 16**  
12827 Olive, 514-1616

The Mummy (PG-13) 10:50, 2:00, 5:20, 8:40, 10:50  
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Love Letter (R) 10:45, 1:45, 5:10

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## In Our Schools

## Hahn graduates from Culver-Stockton

Eric Hahn, the son of Steven and Marilyn Hahn of Granite City, was one of 204 seniors who received degrees during commencement exercises at Culver-Stockton College May 15.

Hahn received a bachelor's degree in business administration. Culver-Stockton College, located in Canton, Mo., is a liberal arts college affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Hopkins receives 'outstanding' citation

Bridget Hopkins, a seventh-grade student at Holy Family School in Granite City, received an 'outstanding' for her science fair project at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Science Fair in May.

The fair was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Bridget's project was one of those selected at the regional IJAS Science Fair competition at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in March. During that competition, her project was picked as first

runner-up and as Best of Fair for all seventh- and eighth-grade entries. Bridget is the daughter of John and Margaret Hopkins.

## Haack receives degree from SMSU

Jennifer L. Haack of Granite City was among 1,467 students to receive degrees during spring commencement ceremonies at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

Haack received a bachelor of science degree.

## Van Camp directing alumni chorale

Dr. Leonard Van Camp will direct the SIUE Alumni Chorale during the fourth concert in this season's Grand Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church, 22nd and Delmar, Granite City.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. June 8. Van Camp has picked 46 former members of the SIUE Concert Chorale for his farewell European tour. This will be the group's final concert before leaving for the tour. About half of the singers previously toured Europe with Van Camp. The a cappella program includes the works of

Palestrina, Franz Josef Haydn and his brother, Michael Haydn, Mozart and Anton Bruckner. American composer William Billings, Lowell Mason and others also will be featured along with selections of American folk music and spirituals.

Van Camp has been director of choral activities at SIUE for 36 years and formed the Concert Chorale 35 years ago. Van Camp will retire after this final tour. While choral activities will continue at SIUE under Dr. Joel Knapp, the name

Concert Chorale will be retired. For information about the concert, call 452-1100. There is no admission charge, but there will be a free-will offering.

## Serrano admitted into SIUE program

Katie Serrano, a graduating senior from Granite City Senior High School, has been admitted into SIUE's Johnetta Haley Scholars Academy.



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## Pizza party

Granite City TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter 645 recently inducted its new officers for the 1999-2000 term. The new officers are, from left, Margie Hull, weight recorder; Lois Gunderson, treasurer; Sandy Weathers, secretary; Bea Stenitzer, co-leader; and Mary Ann Ramsey, leader. The weight-loss support group meets weekly at Anchorage Recreation Center on Edwards Street.

## Host families are needed

Teens from Europe, Asia and Latin America will arrive in August for enrollment in local high schools for the 1999-2000 school year.

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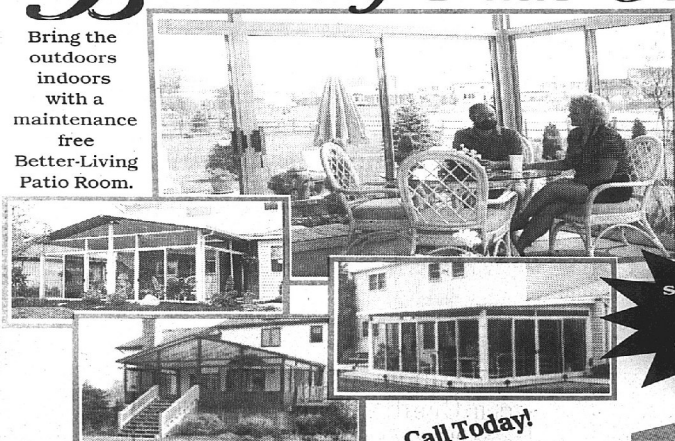
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# Automotive

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## Chrysler Concorde LXi shines with styling, room

By Tom Strongman

Room for five, a trunk big enough to hold four sets of golf clubs, and a smiling grin like that of a vintage Ferrari, all at a base price of less than \$22,000, makes Chrysler's Concorde LXi a lot of car for the dollar.

Even pretty well loaded, with goodies like automatic climate control, leather seats, anti-lock brakes, traction control and a premium stereo with CD player, our test car's sticker price was just barely more than \$24,000.

Chrysler's trio of sedans, the Concorde, LHS and 300M, were hatched from the same brood yet each has a distinct personality. The LHS bids for upscale luxury, the 300M is aggressively sporty and the Concorde is the family version. All share the same basic architecture, roofline and a high percentage of mechanical bits. They were created in only 31 months at a cost of \$2.1 billion, including a family of three new engines.

The Dodge Intrepid shares the same basics

but has considerably different styling.

The Concorde's base engine is a 200-horsepower, 2.7-liter, dual-overhead-cam (DOHC) V-6, but our test car was equipped with the optional 225-horsepower, single-overhead-cam (SOHC) 3.2-liter V-6. These new aluminum V-6 engines were designed in record time using three-dimensional computer modeling, which saved both time and money. Each engine is 25 percent more powerful and 10 percent more efficient than the one it replaced. Emissions are down 30 percent also.

The 3.2-liter may not have the free-revving spirit of the smaller 2.7, but it pulls up long hills with less downshifting. Passing is a snap. The engine is mounted in a reformed steel cradle to keep much of the vibration out of the vehicle's passenger compartment.

Inside the spacious cabin, the instrument panel's soft-touch texture looks rich and has no separate cut lines for the passenger-side air bag. Controls for long-term as well as short-term are mounted up high in the center of the dash where both are easily reached by the driver. Buttons and knobs are large and easy to use.

The large, simple white-on-black instruments don't look as elegant as the white-faced gauges of the 300M, LHS and Dodge Intrepid. Wood-grain trim on the dash and console, although not convincingly real, adds a touch of warmth to the interior.

Front bucket seats are wide and roomy. The leather upholstery has vertical seams to avoid causing irritation during long stints at the wheel. With the optional eight-way power con-

trols, it is nearly impossible not to be able to adjust the seat to a setting that feels right. A large central console, which houses the gear shift lever, divides the front seats and contains a built-in cup holder as well as a handy storage box. The PRNDL indicator on the console is illuminated even though there is another indicator next to the speedometer.

Leg room in the back seat is as spacious as your living room, which is one reason why the Concorde is such a good family hauler.

I noticed that the large front and rear windows let in a lot of sun so the car got fairly warm inside even when the outside temperature was moderate. The automatic heating/cooling system did a good job of cooling things down quickly without sounding like a jet engine was under the dash.

Attention to detail is widely evident. Sound-deadening foam injected into body cavities cuts down on wind and road noise. Road vibrations are kept in check because the rear suspension uses a large aluminum cross-member.

The Concorde was completed before the merger that resulted in what is now DaimlerChrysler. It demonstrated just how good Chrysler has gotten at styling cars that are both handsome and functional. Let's hope that trend continues under the new ownership.

The base price of the Concorde LXi is \$21,995. Standard equipment included power windows, power locks, power mirrors, tilt wheel, cruise control and power steering. Options included automatic air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, traction control, leather seats, trip computer, 3.2-liter engine and upgraded stereo system.

The sticker price was \$26,305.

The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Prospects fading for battery-powered electric cars

By Rick Stoff

The prospects are fading for the future of battery-powered electric cars. Despite decades of research and millions of dollars of development investment, engineers have failed to come up with affordable technology that will permit an electric vehicle to travel much more than 100 miles at a reasonable rate of speed, particularly if you also want to use the air conditioner and listen to the radio.

Electric motors, however, continue to be viewed as a highly efficient propulsion source, so the electric car concept remains very much alive. Tomorrow's electric cars

may derive their volts and amps from fuel cells or "hybrid" packages that combine a modest battery-powered engine set up to serve as an electrical generator that recharges the batteries. Exotic battery compounds have been found that can provide longer driving ranges for electric cars, but the trade-offs have been high costs and weights. Matching the energy supply in a tank of gasoline has required so many batteries that the battery pack has ended up weighing and costing more than the rest of the car.

Many, if not most, car trips we take are within the range of today's electric cars, but we often travel quite farther than 100 miles a day, too. Most people understandably prefer not to own separate vehicles for short and long trips.

Honda recently announced it was getting out of the battery-powered electric car business. The company said it has built its last "EV Plus" car.

Honda now is turning its attention to its hybrid technology and its "V6 Plus" car, which carries a 1.0-liter, three-cylinder gasoline engine to generate juice for its electric motor. The combination is said to be good for 70 miles per gallon.

General Motors announced recently it will team with Toyota to develop vehicles that carry fuel cells as a source of energy for electric motors. Fuel cells use a chemical reaction to produce electricity from a fuel source such as gasoline, methanol or hydrogen.

The process draws hydrogen from the fuel source and expels it to conditions that separate it from its elec-

trons. The exhaust byproduct of the process is water vapor.

Pure hydrogen would be the preferred fuel source for these vehicles, but that would require filling stations all over the country to equip themselves to store and pump hydrogen. Gasoline and methanol are less desirable sources of hydrogen, but these could be shipped, stored and pumped using infrastructure already in place.

The state of California has announced it will set a fleet of up to 50 fuel-cell cars and buses over the next four years. The vehicles will be built by Ford, DaimlerChrysler and Ballard Power Systems, a company involved in fuel-cell technology.

DaimlerChrysler has set a 2004 target for the sales of its first commercial fuel cell vehicles.

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## Helping with vacations provides livelihood

### Agents make plans while airlines, hotels pick up tab

By Barbara Ponder  
Correspondent

Marcia Staples voyaged into the travel industry the old fashioned way. She worked her way up at a travel agency, entering the field as a high school student over 30 years ago.

On the job training was a rare opportunity today. Education is a requirement for entry level jobs at most agencies.

"You don't have time to train them when they come in the office," said Marcia Staples, owner of M & M Travel in Florissant. "When you're ready to hire somebody, you're looking for somebody who can come and can do the work."

St. Louis Community College offers an associate's degree in applied science in tourism with a program for travel agency management or tourism business management. The two-year program is held in the new state-of-the-art hospitality building on the Forest Park campus.

Staples of unincorporated North County worked at several agencies in St. Louis before buying an existing agency in 1989. M & M Travel, 4788 Thunderbird Ave., employs Staples and two other agents.

A travel agent is paid through commissions from travel related businesses such as airlines, hotels, tour companies or cruise lines. The consumer incurs no extra charge when using an agent.

"The reason to use an agency is that we can shop around for the client and find the best deal," Staples said. "They

can just dump it in our lap and not worry about it."

The 1998 U.S. Travel Agency Survey reports total 1997 travel agency sales at \$126 billion in 1997, up from \$101.1 billion in 1996.

Agents may travel at reduced costs on "familiarization" trips, which hotels and travel destinations sponsor, but the trips are no vacation.

"They're pretty grueling trips because they want you to see as much as you can in a few days," Staples said. "You're on and off the bus, and in and out of the hotel, and back again."

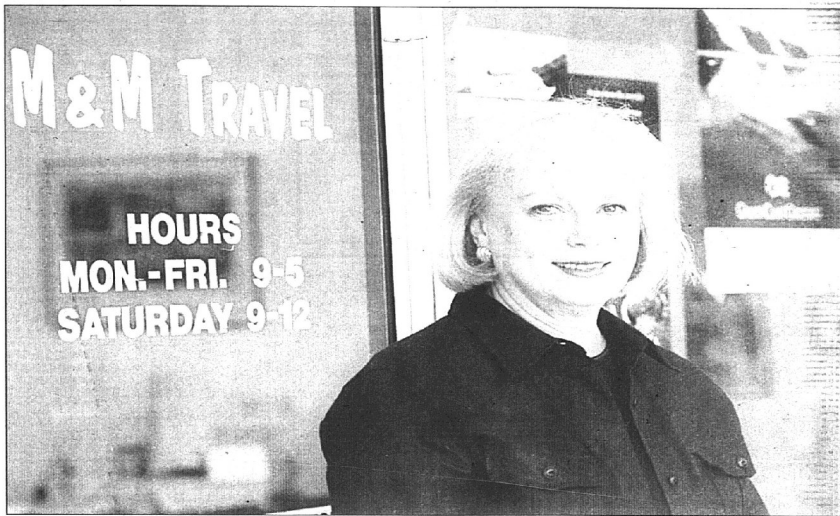
Seminars offer other opportunities for agents to keep current in the industry. Agents in the past needed a thorough understanding of geography to determine the best route for a client. Computer skills now are more important because technology has simplified routing and automated paperwork.

"When I went in, the airlines didn't even have computers," Staples said. "We hand wrote every ticket and you had to call the airlines and they took it down with pen and paper."

Being a successful travel agent requires a good personality.

"You've got to want to work with people," she said. "A lot of times we never meet them (clients) so you've got to have a good phone voice and presence."

The Airlines Reporting Corporation approves applications to form a travel agency. Among other requirements, the agent must post a bond or letter of credit to receive an ARC appointment.



Marcia Staples is the owner of M & M Travel in Florissant

According to the American Society of Travel Agents, entry level agents earn about \$12,000 annually. Average salaries increase to \$3,000 for agents with five years of experience and to \$23,000 for managers.

A person whose goal is to found an agency should first develop a client base.

Referrals come from clients who have enjoyed their vacations.

When talking to a client, the agent determines the person's tastes and interests to suggest travel destinations.

"Then they (the clients) go and they have a great time and come back ready to go somewhere else," Staples said.

According to the American Society of Travel Agents, U.S. travel agents issue about 75 percent of all airline tickets and account for approximately 95 percent of all cruise sales.

Staples said an agent can expect to work at least 40 hours weekly. An agent must be affiliated with an agency in order to work from home.

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# Home & Garden

## Wasting water can be expensive in the long run

When spring arrives, it's time to get your yard in shape. Everyone wants a lush, green lawn, but beware of the hidden expense of water waste.

If you follow a few simple steps for water conservation inside and outside your home, you'll end up with that great-looking yard without the big expense when the water bills come.

**Money down the drain**  
Every year, the average American family wastes around 32,000 gallons of water. That's the volume of a medium-sized swimming pool.

- The chief culprits are:
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  - inefficient fixtures
  - leaking plumbing
  - excessive lawn-watering

It takes 660 gallons to water a typical 1,000 square-foot lawn with 1 inch of water, the same

amount of water you use inside your house in a week. It's easy to cut this in half and save money by remembering these basics:

- Use the right equipment. While most sprinklers do a pretty good job, there is a difference in hose nozzles. When you're washing the car or spraying your garden, a pistol-type nozzle is best because you can adjust the flow rate or stop it completely to answer the phone or chat with a neighbor.
- Set a schedule. Your lawn doesn't need dousing every day. Watering every other day is fine, especially if you do it in the early morning or evening when the sun won't evaporate the water before it can soak in.
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- **Direct water away from the outside of the house.** Before beginning work on the inside of your house, make sure all outside gutters and drains are free of leaves and debris.
- Check for any leaks in downspouts and between gutter seams.
- Be sure rainwater is not being trapped near the foundation, and that water

easily flows away from the house.

Water pressure, sometimes caused by hydrostatic pressure, is caused by water being trapped between the soil and outside wall, pushing against the foundation, and entering through the basement's foundation wall.

If necessary, fill in low spots around the foundation with gravel and soil, caulk around basement windows, extend downspouts, and replace broken splash blocks.

- **Clean basement walls and plug holes or cracks to stop the flow of running water.** Use a cleaning solution and a wire brush to remove all dust, dirt and grease from the walls. Scrape away all loose mortar.
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• **Clean efflorescence off the walls.** After all cracks, holes and defects have been patched, inspect the walls for any white or grayish powder on the surface. This is known as efflorescence and is the residue from soluble salts being forced through the wall by water pressure.

It is very important to remove efflorescence before applying a waterproof paint, so that it doesn't interfere with adhesion of the paint. Use a concrete cleaning and etching compound, following package directions carefully.

- **Twelve ounces of crystals dissolved in 1 gallon of warm water usually will remove the powder.** Scrub the solution on the walls with a stiff bristle scrub brush, rinse and let dry completely before applying paint.
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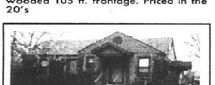
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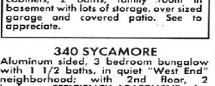
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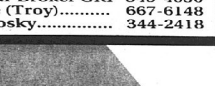
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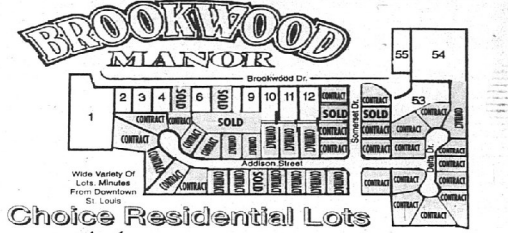
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